

I - claims 1, 2 and 5 - 7, drawn to a liquid crystal display device, classified in class 349, subclass 103, and Invention II - claims 3, 4 and 8 - 13, drawn to driving a liquid crystal display device, classified in class 345, subclass 98, such restriction requirement is traversed as being improper, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are respectfully requested.

At the outset, it is noted that claims 3 and 4 of Invention II are dependent claims which depend directly or indirectly from independent claim 1 of Invention I, such that applicants submit that the Examiner's designation of claims of Invention I and claims of Invention II is clearly erroneous. Thus, the restriction requirement is improper and should be withdrawn.

Furthermore, while the Examiner contends that Inventions I and II are related as subcombinations, it is apparent that claims 3 and 4 of Invention II do not represent a subcombination which is different from a subcombination of claim 1 of Invention I, such that applicants submit that the Examiner's contentions that the subcombinations are distinct is improper, and the Examiner has failed to show distinctness, as required. Thus, the requirement for restriction is considered to be improper and should be withdrawn.

In order to provide a complete response to the restriction requirement, applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Invention I including, as identified by the Examiner, claims 1, 2 and 5 - 7.

The Examiner has also required an election of species of Invention I is elected, with the Examiner requiring an election of one of the species identified as Species (1) the specifics of the device comprising the light guide plate which guides light from the light source, a liquid crystal panel, an optical medium which changes over transmission and reflections of light, color filters, and a reflector are sequentially

arranged from a viewer side comprising the first embodiment; and Species (2) the specifics of the device comprising a liquid crystal display panel, a light guide plate sequentially arranged from a viewer side comprising a second embodiment. This requirement is traversed in that as recognized by the Examiner, if a generic claim is allowable, applicants are entitled to claims of additional species.

Applicants note that independent claim 1 is considered to be a generic claim, at least with respect to dependent claims 2 - 4, which depend directly or indirectly therefrom, noting that the Examiner has considered dependent claims 3 and 4 to be part of Invention II rather than that of Invention I. Additionally, applicants submit that since claim 1 has not been rejected over art, claim 1 should be considered allowable at this time.

In order to provide a complete response to the election requirement, as set forth, applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Species (1) including at least claims 1 and 2.

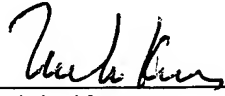
For the foregoing reasons, applicants submit that the restriction and election requirement are improper and should be withdrawn, and applicants request favorable reconsideration of all claims present in this application.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli,

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